

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of KELLIE PRYOR, Minor.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

JAMES BREZZELL

Respondent-Appellant.

UNPUBLISHED

April 6, 2006

No. 265905

Genesee Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 01-114779-NA

Before: Smolenski, P.J., and Owens and Donofrio, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent appeals as of right from the trial court order terminating his parental rights to the minor child under MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i), (g), and (j). We affirm. This appeal is being decided without oral argument pursuant to MCR 7.214(E).

The trial court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory grounds for termination were established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 3.977(J); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). The evidence established that respondent suffered from serious mental health issues and was unable to independently manage his own daily care, let alone the care of a minor. Respondent's medications were administered to him on a daily basis, because he was unable to manage them on his own, and his finances were also managed by an outside service. Respondent's psychological evaluations indicated his mental illnesses would prevent him from providing long-term care for the minor child. Further, respondent failed to participate in parenting classes even after he began taking medication.

Finally, the evidence did not show that the minor child's best interests precluded termination of respondent's parental rights. MCL 712A.19b(5). Although it was undisputed that respondent and the child were bonded, the evidence was also clear that he could not parent on a

long-term basis. Thus, the trial court did not err in terminating respondent's parental rights to the child.

Affirmed.

/s/ Michael R. Smolenski

/s/ Donald S. Owens

/s/ Pat M. Donofrio